

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**District of New Mexico**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
V.

**Nicholas Cordero**

**Judgment in a Criminal Case**

(For Offenses Committed On or After November 1, 1987)

**Case Number: 1:12CR03092-001JB**

USM Number: 70079-051

Defense Attorney: Benjamin A. Gonzales, Appointed

**THE DEFENDANT:**

- pleaded guilty to count(s) **1 of Indictment**
- pleaded nolo contendere to count(s) which was accepted by the court.
- after a plea of not guilty was found guilty on count(s)

The defendant is adjudicated guilty of these offenses:

<i>Title and Section Nature of Offense</i>	<i>Offense Ended</i>	<i>Count Number(s)</i>
21 U.S.C. Sec. 846 Conspiracy to Violate 21 U.S.C. Sec. 841(b)(1)(B)	09/24/2012	1

The defendant is sentenced as provided in pages 2 through **6** of this judgment. The sentence is imposed pursuant to the Sentencing Reform Act of 1984.

- The defendant has been found not guilty on count .
- Count s **2 and 3** are dismissed on the motion of the United States.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the defendant must notify the United States attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of name, residence, or mailing address until all fines, restitution, costs, and special assessments imposed by this judgment are fully paid. If ordered to pay restitution, the defendant must notify the court and United States attorney of material changes in economic circumstances.

**November 20, 2013**

Date of Imposition of Judgment

**/s/ James O. Browning**

Signature of Judge

**Honorable James O. Browning**  
**United States District Judge**

Name and Title of Judge

**February 21, 2014**

Date Signed

Defendant: **Nicholas Cordero**  
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## IMPRISONMENT

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of **60 months**.

**For the reasons stated on the record at the sentencing hearing held November 20, 2013, the Court varies.**

**Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 3553(a)(1)-(7), the Court has determined there exists the following sentencing factor(s) that warrant a sentence outside the applicable guideline range:**

**the nature and circumstances of the offense and the history and characteristics of the defendant, pursuant to 18 U.S.C 3553(a)(1); and**

**the need to reflect the seriousness of the offense, to promote respect for the law, and to provide just punishment for the offense, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 3553(a)(2)(A); and**

**the need to provide the defendant with needed educational or vocation training, medical care, or other corrective treatment in the most effective manner, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 3553(a)(2)(D);**

After evaluating the factors listed above, the Court finds the Defendant was physically and emotionally abused during his youth. His mother and stepfather struggled with a bad drug addiction which led to the Defendant being placed in the foster care system on multiple occasions. He was subject to domestic violence in the home and his mother and stepfather went to prison for a substantial amount of time. The Defendant lived on the streets since the age of 12 going from house to house. He attended school intermittently due to his transient lifestyle and has since attempted to obtain his GED without success. The Defendant began drinking alcohol and using drugs since the age of nine. In particular, he abused marijuana, cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, and prescription opiates. He is in need of substance abuse treatment and mental health counseling.

Based on these finding(s), the Court has determined a sentence below the advisory guideline imprisonment range will be reasonable and sufficient, but not greater than necessary, to accomplish the sentencing goals set forth at 18 U.S.C. 3553(a). The Court notes the Defendant conspired to possess with intent to distribute 69.7 grams of methamphetamine actual to an undercover task force officer in Valencia County, New Mexico.

The court makes the following recommendations to the Bureau of Prisons:

**La Tuna Federal Correctional Institution, Anthony, New Mexico-Texas, if eligible**

**The Court recommends the defendant participate in the Bureau of Prisons 500 hour drug and alcohol treatment program.**

- The defendant is remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal.
- The defendant shall surrender to the United States Marshal for this district:
  - at on
  - as notified by the United States Marshal.
- The defendant shall surrender for service of sentence at the institution designated by the Bureau of Prisons:
  - before 2 p.m. on
  - as notified by the United States Marshal
  - as notified by the Probation or Pretrial Services Office.

## RETURN

I have executed this judgment as follows:

Defendant delivered on \_\_\_\_\_ to  
\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ with a Certified copy of this judgment.

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UNITED STATES MARSHAL

By

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DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL

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## **SUPERVISED RELEASE**

Upon release from imprisonment, the defendant shall be on supervised release for a term of **4 years**.

The defendant must report to the probation office in the district to which the defendant is released within 72 hours of release from the custody of the Bureau of Prisons.

The defendant shall not commit another federal, state, or local crime.

The defendant shall not unlawfully possess a controlled substance.

The defendant shall refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance.

The defendant shall submit to one drug test within 15 days of release from imprisonment and at least two periodic drug tests thereafter, as determined by the court.

- The above drug testing condition is suspended, based on the court's determination that the defendant poses a low risk of future substance abuse. (Check, if applicable.)
- The defendant shall not possess a firearm, ammunition, destructive device, or any other dangerous weapon. (Check, if applicable).
- The defendant shall cooperate in the collection of DNA as directed by statute. (Check, if applicable).
- The defendant shall register with the state, local, tribal and/or other appropriate sex offender registration agency in the state where the defendant resides, works, or is a student, as directed by the probation officer. (Check, if applicable.)
- The defendant shall participate in an approved program for domestic violence. (Check, if applicable)

If this judgment imposes a fine or restitution, it is a condition of supervised release that the defendant pay in accordance with the Criminal Monetary Penalties sheet of this judgment.

The defendant must comply with the standard conditions that have been adopted by this court as well as with any additional conditions on the attached page.

### **STANDARD CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION**

- 1) the defendant shall not leave the judicial district without the permission of the court or probation officer;
- 2) the defendant shall report to the probation officer in a manner and frequency directed by the Court or probation officer;
- 3) the defendant shall answer truthfully all inquiries by the probation officer and follow the instructions of the probation officer;
- 4) the defendant shall support his or her dependents and meet other family responsibilities;
- 5) the defendant shall work regularly at a lawful occupation, unless excused by the probation officer for schooling, training, or other acceptable reasons;
- 6) the defendant shall notify the probation officer at least ten days prior to any change in residence or employment;
- 7) the defendant shall refrain from excessive use of alcohol and shall not purchase, possess, use, distribute, or administer any controlled substance or any paraphernalia related to any controlled substances, except as prescribed by a physician;
- 8) the defendant shall not frequent places where controlled substances are illegally sold, used, distributed, or administered;
- 9) the defendant shall not associate with any persons engaged in criminal activity, and shall not associate with any person convicted of a felony unless granted permission to do so by the probation officer;
- 10) the defendant shall permit a probation officer to visit him or her at any time at home or elsewhere and shall permit confiscation of any contraband observed in plain view of the probation officer;
- 11) the defendant shall notify the probation officer within seventy-two hours of being arrested or questioned by a law enforcement officer;
- 12) the defendant shall not enter into any agreement to act as an informer or a special agent of a law enforcement agency without the permission of the court; and

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### **SPECIAL CONDITIONS OF SUPERVISION**

**The defendant must participate in and successfully complete an outpatient substance abuse treatment program, approved by the probation officer, which may include testing. The defendant is prohibited from obstructing or attempting to obstruct or tamper, in any fashion, with the collection, efficiency and accuracy of any substance abuse testing device or procedure. The defendant may be required to pay a portion of the cost of treatment and/or drug testing to be determined by the Probation Office.**

**The defendant must participate in an educational or vocational program as approved by the probation officer.**

**The defendant must submit to a search of his person, property, or automobile under his control to be conducted in a reasonable manner and at a reasonable time, for the purpose of detecting firearms, illegal substances, and other contraband at the direction of the probation officer. He must inform any residents that the premises may be subject to a search.**

**The defendant must refrain from the use and possession of alcohol and other forms of intoxicants.**

**The defendant must refrain from the use and possession of synthetic cannabinoids or other legally sold designer drugs.**

**The defendant must participate in and successfully complete an outpatient mental health treatment program approved by the probation officer. The defendant may be required to pay a portion of the cost of this treatment to be determined by the Probation Officer.**

**The defendant shall have no contact with the co-defendant in this case.**

**The defendant shall have no contact with gang members, without prior authorization from the probation officer.**

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## CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES

The defendant must pay the following total criminal monetary penalties in accordance with the schedule of payments.

The Court hereby remits the defendant's Special Penalty Assessment; the fee is waived and no payment is required.

Totals:	Assessment	Fine	Restitution
	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>

## SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

Payments shall be applied in the following order (1) assessment; (2) restitution; (3) fine principal; (4) cost of prosecution; (5) interest; (6) penalties.

Payment of the total fine and other criminal monetary penalties shall be due as follows:

The defendant will receive credit for all payments previously made toward any criminal monetary penalties imposed.

A  In full immediately; or

B  \$ immediately, balance due (see special instructions regarding payment of criminal monetary penalties).

**Special instructions regarding the payment of criminal monetary penalties:** Criminal monetary penalties are to be made payable by cashier's check, bank or postal money order to the U.S. District Court Clerk, 333 Lomas Blvd. NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102 unless otherwise noted by the court. Payments must include defendant's name, current address, case number and type of payment.

Unless the court has expressly ordered otherwise in the special instructions above, if this judgment imposes a period of imprisonment, payment of criminal monetary penalties shall be due during the period of imprisonment. All criminal monetary penalty payments, except those payments made through the Bureau of Prisons' Inmate Financial Responsibility Program, are to be made as directed by the court, the probation officer, or the United States attorney.